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Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Hearing Postponed

A proposed general plan amendment that would impact the Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA), scheduled for a hearing before the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission, has been delayed.

The issue was scheduled to be heard Friday (January 26) by the Commission, which is meeting for two days in the State Capitol. No new hearing date was set, but it is anticipated that the Commission will hear the item in about six months in Sacramento.

The postponement was requested by OHV staff, and centered on three areas, including the need to:

- ?? Examine existing operations at Carnegie and determine what, if any, revisions or additions to staffing and other support operations may need to be made.
- ?? Determine what impact, if any, development of the forthcoming Habitat Conservation Plan would have on existing use management areas.
- ?? Complete outstanding land and real property transactions associated with the General Plan Amendment.

The proposed amendment would have added the 3,477-acre Alameda/Tesla property to the existing SVRA General Plan, which covers 1,540 acres. The proposal would have dedicated about 62 percent of the 3,477 acres to OHV recreation, while the actual land dedicated to recreation facilities would comprise about 45 acres of the total 3,477 acres. The Alameda/Tesla property does not have a history of OHV use. This would mark the first opportunity for the OHV program to develop an environmentally sensitive plan for OHV recreation without influence by already established patterns of public use.

Carnegie is located in eastern Alameda County and western San Joaquin County, east of Livermore and west of Tracy at 18600 Corral Hollow Road.

For years the area of the present-day park was used primarily for cattle grazing. Residents of Tracy and Livermore also used the area for family picnics until the 1960s when the privately owned Carnegie Cycle Park was established. It continued to operate until 1979 when the State bought the area in order to create Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area.

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